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SUBJ: MEXICAN AG REQUESTS INFORMATION ON ALASKAN SUPREME COURT
RULING

REF: MEXICO 4758

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1. IN REFTEL WE REPORTED AMBASSADOR JOVA'S CONVERSATION
WITH MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA
CONCERNING MR. BARTELS RESIGNATION.

2. IN SAME CONVERSATION, MEXICAN AG REFERRED TO
ALASKAN SUPREME COURT DECISION CONCERNING MARIJUANA.
SPECIFICALLY, HE WANTED TO KNOW:

A) DOES THIS RULING ESTABLISH A NEW LAW
CONCERNING MARIJUANA USE IN ALASKA, OR IS
IT ONLY ONE LEGAL STEP, AND AS SUCH IS IT
SUBJECT TO REVIEW?

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B) DOES THIS MARKA CHANGE IN U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY REGARDING MARIJUANA USE? IN THIS REGARD, THE AG POINTED OUT THAT THE SINGLE NARCOTICS CONVENTION TO WHICH THE U.S. AND MEXICO ARE SIGNATORIES, CONSIDERS MARIJUANA A NARCOTIC AND DEALS WITH IT AS SUCH.

C) AG ALSO NOTED RECENT RESEARCH CARRIED OUT UNDER SAODAP AUSPICES, WHICH INDICATED THAT MARIJUANA COULD PRODUCE SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS.

3. DR. GUIDO BELSASSO OF THE MEXICAN CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENCY RESEARCH ALSO CALLED ON EMB NARC COORD TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALASKAN RULING, ASKING FOR IT URGENTLY.

4. ON MAY 29 MEXICAN AG GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE POINTING OUT HIS CONCERN IN SAME TERMS AS IN PARA (2) ABOVE. EMBASSY WILL REPORT THIS BY SEPTTEL.

5. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT/SAODAP TRANSMITTING GUIDANCE ASAP.
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